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# **Dear Applicant**

I trust you are well. I know many of you will feel disappointed and maybe even a little cheated by not being able to sit your GSCEs as you planned to. That is understandable but rest assured, both your school and HSDC, Alton, Havant and South Downs will be doing everything to support you at this time.

Your teachers know what you are very capable of achieving and we have every confidence in the process that has been set up to ensure that you get the grades that you have worked so hard for.

The following explains what we have already put in place regarding interviews and indeed plans for after Easter.

## Starting at HSDC in September 2020

We appreciate this is a difficult time for you and we want to reassure you about the steps we are taking to ensure that you have a smooth transition into college life.

## Student Interviews and offer

If you already have had your interview and accepted your place, your place is safe. If you haven't yet had your interview, our Student Recruitment Advisors are continuing to conduct all interviews remotely via telephone. These take place at your allocated time. If you have recently applied, the team will contact you shortly with an interview time that is suited to you. Please do not hesitate to contact the student recruitment team via email studentrecruitment@hsdc.ac.uk.

#### **Getting Ahead**

We are currently developing our Getting Ahead work to help support you in your time between school and College and get you ready for being a student at HSDC. This information will be shared shortly and will be available online. Please check our website and keep an eye on your emails we will let you know when it's ready.

### Welcome Events

We are still planning to run our Welcome events in June and July but cannot be certain that these will take place as planned given the current situation. We will be in touch to let you know and we will put alternative plans in place should we need to.







Mike Gaston, Principal & CEO

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#### **Enrolments**

Our main enrolment period normally takes place straight after you have received your GCSE results. We will keep you informed about any changes but, again, please rest assured that there will be the opportunity to discuss your courses and make sure that you are on the right programme of study, in line with both your abilities and your career plans. We will fully support you as you start your HSDC journey with us.

We will keep you informed as we move through the coming weeks and months and please visit our website for the latest updates and follow us on social media here:

https://www.facebook.com/BeHSDC/https://www.facebook.com/altoncollege

https://twitter.com/Be HSDC

https://www.instagram.com/be\_hsdc/

In the meantime, keep safe, stay indoors and don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

My staff and I look forward to seeing you!

Yours sincerely

Mike Gaston Principal & CEO

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